



The BAWB Federation
Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools
Mid-Dale Excellence in Education
Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

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Dear All,

I hope you will be able to include this piece about the Produce Show in your newsletter. Sorry I've sent it at the last hour – time seems to slip past and there's been a lot to arrange!

The Askrigg and District Produce Association began in 1941 and, as far as we are aware, there has been a produce show every year since then so this would be our 79th year. I like to think that we are not cancelling the show this year – just doing things differently! Our strap line for this year's show is '**The show must go on-line**' which I think sums up our approach nicely. We certainly won't be holding a show dance in the evening as was the custom in the early days of the show.

The committee consists of a small but experienced and talented group who have run the show very successfully for several years now. The secretary is Karen Jones, Treasurer, Alan MacDonald and we also have Jill Wooley, Paula Hague, Rhian Liddell, Liz Connelly, Martin Garside, Mary MacDonald and Malcolm Carruthers. Of course there are usually a large band of helpers around show day that appear and work incredibly hard to make the show happen – I really hope they won't forget what to do by the time we return to the Village hall.

We have had to alter the schedule a fair bit to allow for the fact that entries will be made by photograph – so no tipples or preserves and a very much reduced bakery section. We have included a few classes that reflect the current situation – in the Children's categories we have classes for 'anything rainbow themed', 'My favourite thing I've done in lockdown' and 'A story or poem or video (max length 1 min) about lockdown'. There is a dedicated show website where we will host the show which is accessible through the normal Produce Show website at askriggproduceshow.weebly.com where exhibitors and visitors can find out all the details about the show, explore the schedule and look at the entries as they arrive.

Of course, it will be quite different from previous years in that exhibitors will be able to photograph their exhibits from the best angle and in the best position to show off the labours of their work to the best effect. They will also be able to look at the competition to see what the standard of entries is like. Hopefully that won't put anyone off – we really want as many people to enter as possible to make this a real success despite the dreadful effects of the pandemic.

We are accepting photos of exhibits via email at askriggshow2020@btinternet.com (there is a link from the show website) or via Facebook or Instagram – just search for Askrigg Produce Show. The committee will load any entries onto the show website as they arrive. One interesting aspect this year is that we may get entries from far and wide – I already have a very keen follower on Instagram from Finland! We've asked any non-locals to say where they come from – perhaps we'll attract some future international visitors to the show when we return to 'normality'.



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Entries will be accepted right up until Midnight on Friday 28th August and judging will take place remotely by our expert team of judges. Winners will be announced on the website and also through social media at around midday on 'show day' – Sunday 30th August. We aren't awarding cups and trophies this year but we will be awarding vouchers to be spent locally to the winning children in each age group.

We are really excited to be continuing with the show this year albeit in a rather unusual way and we look forward to returning to village hall next year for our 80th show.

Many thanks!

Kind Regards,

Mike Dechezeaux

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